III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Gazetted Officers of the Revenue Department

* 1 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any time-limit has been prescribed for the Gazetted Officers in the Revenue Department in the Districts to serve in a division; and

(*b*) the number of the persons for whom exemption has been given in this regard in Tiruchirappalli district and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (on behalaf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) Generally no Deputy Collector is retained in the same Divisional charge for more than three years, save for exceptional reasons.

(*b*) The Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri, Sri S Subbayyan, was retained in the same division for more than three years for administrative reasons.

Political Prisoners

* 2 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of political prisoners in jails in the State as on 1st November 1961?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): There are no prisoners at present classified as "Political Prisoners".

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact that there was overcrowding in these jails so much so that there was a writ petition filed by one of the prisoners in the Tiruchirappalli Jail?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I am afraid the supplementary question does not arise from this question, because this relates to Political Prisoners".

Advances and loans to Government servants

* 3 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) department-wise, the number of applications for the grant of advances and loans to Government servants for construction of houses, received from 1st January 1961 to 31st October 1961;

(*b*) the number of applications disposed of; and

(*c*) the number of applications not disposed of and the dates of those applications?